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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but lower in the East and Midwest when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging barely steady to weak in the Midwest, mostly steady elsewhere with the East improved. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances better where ads and fast food specials were active. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate entering the week. Dark meat was adequate to closely balanced, and wings were not as plentiful, but still readily available. Breast items were adequate to fully sufficient except for tenders, which were well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product 11-APR-2005).

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	COMPOSITE			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England TFEWR				69.36	39
Chicago	66.00-69.00	68.52	40	70.36	72
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			69.99	31
Denver	79.50	79.50	13	79.37	15
Detroit	68.00-70.00	69.83	12	72.10	56
Los Angeles	80.00	79.29	63	77.56	130
New York	71.00-73.00	71.48	23	70.52	56
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.36	11	69.02	24
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.91	11	72.71	57
St. Louis	68.00-68.25	67.65	20	68.30	33
San Francisco	80.50	80.69	37	81.73	64

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/11/05 Change/Last Wk	04/04/05	04/12/04
577	73.22	-53	73.75 76.00

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	72.00-73.00	72.41	30
Central	71.00-77.00	72.56	72
Western	64.00-79.00	72.85	35
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	73.73	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,132	66.00-76.00	72.96

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.00	1,461
BREASTS - B/S	154.50	5,995
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,515
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.50	1,099
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	7,729
WINGS	92.50	3,063

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were at least adequate, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Tenders were well cleared. Dark meat cuts were about adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mixed, but no better than steady. Retail and food service demand following the weekend was fair to moderate with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to active. Dark meat was no more than adequate to short and moving best. Tenders were balanced to well cleared, but the remaining breast items and wings were fully adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Trading reported at mixed levels with regular commitments at unchanged prices and new negotiations at lower to higher prices. Offerings in fairly good balance on weights less than 3.5 pounds but ample on heavier sizes. Heavy weights were commonly discounted with lightweights sometimes fetching higher prices. Buying activity was only fair. Retailer demand was moderate at best with limited feature activities planned for later in the week. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 70.62 down 2.82 from last week with the volume reported down at 26 load down 4 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Majority prices into Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis were generally unchanged to lower from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Additional offers of whole fryers were adequate for the limited buyers interest. Retail demand was light to occasionally fairly good, best where features are a factor. Food service movement fair to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate. Sizes desirable. Trade sentiment on leg items fully steady to firm, on breast items and wings steady to barely steady.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally moderate for early week business. Seller offerings were sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were adequate; weights were irregular. Processing schedules were moderate heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steadier. In the parts complex, wings improved and were in a better position, dark meat was well cleared, tenders were limited, and b/s breast improved with other breast items usually adequate for needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	68-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	76.19
NO. OF BOXES	5,425

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity increased slightly and was noted as fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient for current needs. Wings were at least adequate under a selective buying interest. Tenderloins were clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate best where feature activity was noted. The market tone was at least steady on tenderloins and most dark meat items. Breast items were generally steady and wings were no better than steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	148-153	154.74	408,260
TENDERLOINS	160	159.35	71,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	91.94	79,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	81.40	134,560
LEGS	48-49	49.33	262,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	35.22	209,600
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	45.35	58,440
THIGHS	39-40	50.25	52,360
B/S THIGHS	98-99	96.94	34,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	80.20	275,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.79	10,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.60	14,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	60.00	12,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,389	130.00-161.00	135-149	144.83
TENDERLOINS	583	150.00-203.00	150-160	156.24
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,057	32.00-36.00	32	32.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	409	33.00-35.00	35	34.76
WINGS (WHOLE)	529	73.00-105.00	73-89	84.63
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,445	37.00-42.00	39	38.90

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 04/07	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 04/04
Alabama	4,106	3,871	5.21	3,966	5.15
Arkansas	5,506	5,365	5.10	5,179	5.09
Delmarva	2,201	2,204	5.45	2,238	5.55
KY-LA-TN	2,124	2,097	4.84	2,040	4.81
Mississippi	3,162	3,056	5.57	3,080	5.50
North Carolina	2,481	2,422	6.41	2,387	6.29
Texas	2,454	2,537	5.27	2,505	5.21
Total	22,034	21,552	5.36	21,395	5.32
Mon	22,034(A)			21,395(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Apr 2005 is estimated to be 32,965,000 up 2.68 percent from a week ago, and up 15.8 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,105,000 last year 28,455,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	775	132.00-210.00	139-145	148.32
TENDERLOINS	350	155.00-200.00	157-161	163.60
BREAST - LINE RUN	109	80.00-100.00	82-86	85.82
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	49	44.00-56.00	-	47.59
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	654	32.00-36.00	33-34	33.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,030	34.00-42.00	35-36	35.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	337	61.00-94.00	85-89	86.77
WINGS (CUT)	395	77.00-104.00	96-101	99.53
DRUMSTICKS	54	37.00-56.00	-	41.93
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	80	92.00-102.00	-	96.75

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR  
APRIL 11, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.50 - 56.50	54.37	53.00

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 11-APR-2005 TO 15-APR-2005, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	138.00 - 161.00	140.00 - 148.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	81.00 - 108.00	84.00 - 89.00
LEGS	49.00 - 54.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32.00 - 42.00	33.00 - 35.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	34.00 - 38.50	34.00 - 37.00
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	40.00 - 53.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	72.00 - 102.00	89.00 - 91.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.5-98.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90-102

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

#### **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	105-108
ICE PACK	105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111
ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	89-95
ICE PACK	89-93
DUCKS	180-192

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 08, 2005  
**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.25	18.50-28.00	540,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.25	22.57		

15-20%	16.50-30.00	18.50-28.00	1,788,000	1,308,000
WTD AVERAGE	23.00	26.21		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	19.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 08, 2005  
**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		

15-20%				
RANGE	24.00-29.00	16.00-28.00	1,378,000	80,800
WTD AVERAGE	25.89	21.24		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11.5-13	12.56

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were irregular, but generally were unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-15.5	11-12.75	11.96

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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